

25th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are very pleased to inform you that we will be starting to deliver some live lessons from Monday 29th June to students in Y10. Students will be able to be part of these lessons both from in school and from home using a PC, an iPad or a mobile phone using a Google Meet. The Google Meet app can be downloaded onto mobile devices relatively easily. We are very excited about this opportunity to supplement the online learning that your son or daughter has been undertaking and we very much hope that the students will enjoy interacting with their peers and their teachers. Work will continue to be set on Google Classroom and students will still submit work using that platform.

Teachers will set up Google Meets with groups of students and the link will be added to the stream in Google Classroom for that particular subject. I have also attached a Parent Guide to live lessons that provides more detail about how the process will work. Please can I suggest that you go through this document with your child to aid with preparation for the live lessons. We have also produced a PowerPoint for students that will be posted on Google Classroom in case they are unsure about how to access the Google Meets.

The live lessons will consist of various different formats depending on the subject and content. There will be opportunities for teachers to ask questions and students will also be able to contribute. Google Meet also has a 'text chat' function if students prefer to contribute in that way. Teachers can then respond to the messages and clarify any points when necessary.

At the start of the lesson, the teacher will go through a series of slides that outline the expectations for learning during the lessons. Please also note that these lessons will be recorded so can therefore be accessed subsequently by students.

Just as a reminder, the staff for the academic tutor groups are as follows - this will allow your son or daughter to check which group they are in:

Group A Miss Graham, Mr Kenway, Miss Matthews, Mr Ledger, Miss Hall

Group B Miss Andrew, Mr Smith, Mr Knight, Miss Jeffries

Group C Miss Sirvin, Mr Winder, Tiffany, Mr O'Neill

Group D Miss Fosher, Mr Swales, Miss Robson, Miss Merriman

Group E Dr Turton, Mr Willan, Mr Price, Mrs Davroux

Next week, the English and Maths lessons will be delivered when most of our Y10 students are actually in school in their social bubbles with their academic tutors. The lessons will be delivered by Miss Andrew our Head of English and Dr Brad our Head of Maths. The academic tutor will be on hand to offer technical support and encouragement.

The timetable for these lessons is set out below.

Group		
A	English - Monday P1 or P4	Maths – Monday P2 or P5
B	English Monday P1 or P4	Maths – Monday P2 or P5
C	English – Tuesday Period 1	Maths – Tuesday Period 2
D	English – Tuesday Period 4	Maths – Tuesday Period 5
E	English – Wednesday Period 1	Maths – Wednesday Period 2

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To dovetail with this, option subjects have been timetabled to allow students to access these lessons whilst they are at home. The initial timetable for option subjects is shown below. The groups are our ‘social bubbles’ and relate to the group your child is in for their academic tutoring.

Lessons for Students at Home	Tuesday 30th June	Wednesday 1st July	Thursday 2nd July	Friday 3rd July	Monday 6th July
Period 1 8.45am		Groups A, B, C German Mr O’Neill & Mrs Priest	Groups D, E German Mr O’Neill & Miss Sirvin	Groups A, B, E Science Mrs Deighton & Miss Matthews	Groups C, D, E History Mrs Taylor & Mr Garnham
Period 2 9.45am	Groups A, B, E Geography Mr Martin & Miss Graham	Groups A, B, C French Miss Sirvin & Mr O’Neill			
Period 3 10.20am	Groups A, B History Mrs Taylor & Mr Garnham	Groups C, D Geography Mr Martin & Miss Graham	Groups C, D Science Mrs Deighton & Miss Matthews		
Period 4 12.50pm				Groups D, E French Miss Sirvin & Mr O’Neill	

The timetable we have produced enables all Y10 students to access live lessons in all of their GCSE subjects and will also allow for continued face to face support at school with their academic tutor without mixing any 'social bubbles'. We hope that you will appreciate that we have planned our live lessons and face to face support with our designated staff in such a manner that reduces any unnecessary contact with students and staff so that we can minimise the risk of infection from Covid-19.

We appreciate your ongoing support as we navigate our way through an unprecedented situation and very much hope that some live teaching will benefit your son or daughter. Please do get in touch with us if you feel that your child needs additional support or if we can be of any further assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Emma Taylor
Vice Principal